# POPULATION & FOOD CONTROL THE CORPORATE AGENDA

Multinationals collude with governments, international agencies and private foundations to control entire populations and the food they eat.

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## **BIG BROTHER'S PLAN TO FORCE-FEED THE WORLD**

"For the King of Babylon has plotted against you. He has devised a plan against you. Rise up against a nation at ease, that dwells securely, says the Lord. A nation that has no gates or bars, that dwells alone. Their camels shall become booty; their herds of cattle a spoil." Jeremiah 49:30–32

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Today, in our globalised, 'takeover here, takeover there' marketplace, we are witnessing multinational corporations amassing incredible power, then using the most devious tactics to secure that power while swallowing everything and everybody in their path. And were Jeremiah alive today, no doubt he would be discerning the times in which we live; he would be fully comprehending the Machiavellian moves of Big Business and Big Government as they engulf nation after nation, very few with watchmen on the walls. Marauders always come into the camp when the watchmen have fallen asleep.

#### FOUL PLAY AT TYSON FOODS

Take Tyson Foods, for example. Based in Springdale, Arkansas, USA, Tyson is the single largest poultry supplier in the world. Its annual turnover exceeds US\$7.4 billion, and the company 'processes' 42 million chickens a week. The Tyson corporate webpage describes the company as a 68,000-strong team, with 7,400 contract growers in 100 communities, with operations in 18 US states and 15 countries, and exporting to 73 countries. In their food safety education program literature, we read: "We've always been at the forefront of food safety practices" and "Consumers around the world have come to depend on the Tyson Brand for trusted quality chicken".<sup>1</sup>

*Forbes Magazine* once described Tyson Foods as one of those "undeniably formidable business juggernauts, whose mind-boggling concentrations of wealth and influence have everything to do with a no-holds-barred, unfettered approach to free enterprise".<sup>2</sup> Tyson Foods is indeed the single largest poultry product supplier in the world, and it has every intention of becoming the largest beef supplier in the world, too, having just purchased the world's largest beef supplier, IBP Corporation, for US\$3.2 billion.

But where does the Tyson Foods 'no-holds-barred' approach to business affairs position it in the 'morality and ethics' league? Journalist Norman Solomon describes Tyson Foods in a slightly different manner to the corporate brochure. The company "keeps its farmers in near-indentured servitude...works its underpaid, frequently injured workers at an extraordinary pace...and discharges half a million tons of chicken shit<sup>3</sup> into Arkansas rivers every year."<sup>4</sup> Here are just a few of the many disturbing facts about Tyson Foods for your sober consideration.

#### Workplace Safety and Health Violations

Some 4,500 people have added their names to a lawsuit, initially filed by 159 current and former employees, against Tyson Foods. The US Department of Labor has stepped in, saying it will conduct a nationwide audit of the company's practices.<sup>5</sup> After one particularly nasty incident when two Tyson workers met their gruesome deaths after falling into

a vat of decomposing chicken pieces, investigating officers from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) were turned away by Tyson managers who demanded a search warrant. OSHA officials were admitted only after obtaining a court order.

According to US press reports, more Tyson plants are named on the OSHA High Hazard Targeted Inspection list with more frequency than any other poultry company in the United States.<sup>6</sup>

#### **Birds of a Feather**

Tyson Foods' financial records show that the company had been funding former US President Bill Clinton in many of his political campaigns, beginning back at the time when Clinton was Governor of Arkansas. Don Tyson was one of Bill Clinton's closest friends and biggest supporters, according to grand jury testimony concerning Tyson's political misconduct. And Don Tyson was Bill Clinton's top fundraiser during his governorship and presidential elections.<sup>7</sup>

Joe Henrickson, a former Tyson airplane pilot, recently admitted to transporting endless envelopes of cash from Tyson corporate offices to Governor Clinton—money that of course doesn't feature in the annual accounting system.<sup>8</sup> And recently, Tyson Foods was fined US\$6 million as a result of confessing its dona-

tion of at least \$12,000 in cash and gifts to former US Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, up until his swift departure in early 1994.<sup>9</sup> The same article notes that "Espy had been 'fêted' by Don Tyson at a football game and had outlined several regulatory decisions that seemed to benefit Tyson Foods".

In another instance, inside information on a swine futures market deal, supplied by Tyson Foods chief counsellor James Blair to Hillary Clinton, enabled the First Lady to make an overnight profit of approximately \$100,000.<sup>10</sup>

#### "Chechens for Chickens"

In return for favours such as these, Clinton's influence at internal affairs level was able successfully to head off various poultry food manufacturer practice investigations.

Externally, at a 1995 summit meeting in Egypt, US President Bill Clinton furthered Tyson business interests in a most extraordinary manner. He agreed to make clear his public support for the re-election of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who at the time was becoming increasingly unpopular for his war against Chechnya. In what became known as the "Chechens for Chickens" affair, leaked notes of the Clinton–Yeltsin meeting revealed that Clinton's support would be offered in return for Yeltsin's agreeing to lift Russia's embargo against American chicken.

Up until that point, US chicken had been judged too polluted to meet Russia's environmental laws. Now, 90 per cent of US poultry exported to Russia comes from Tyson Foods. As *City Pages* columnist Doug Ireland states: "In other words, Clinton gave Yeltsin a blank check to kill as many Chechens as he wanted, provided the Russians bought Don Tyson's dirty chickens."<sup>11</sup>

#### **Industrial Sabotage of Competitors**

In 1997, Tyson Foods expressed interest in buying beef giant Hudson Foods. Hudson declined the Tyson offer. Very soon after the rejection of Tyson's bid, a government inspectorate taskforce under the control of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman 'visited' Hudson Foods, where they very conveniently 'found' evidence of *E. coli* bacteria contamination. By the time Glickman's taskforce had finished with Hudson Foods, the story had taken on national and international proportions, with the 'beleaguered' company having to recall 25 million pounds of beef, costing the company its largest customer, Burger King. The resultant fallout devalued Hudson corporate stock by 35 per cent.<sup>12</sup>

The Wall Street Journal reported at the time:13

"Hudson's rapid tailspin has stunned some meat industry executives, who blame the record beef recall pushed by the Agriculture Department for breaking the back of Hudson... 'What happened to Hudson Foods doesn't make sense,' said Patrick Boyle, president of the American Meat Institute."

The presence of *E. coli* at the Hudson plant was never proved, but the damage had been done. In 1998, Tyson Foods managed to acquire Hudson Foods at a rock-bottom price, in a deal described by Leonard Teitlebaum of Merrill Lynch & Co. as "adding beautifully to Tyson's distribution and production system".<sup>14</sup>

The Wall Street Journal commented:15

"Hudson's brush with Glickman's gang meant the Tyson's buyout bid was an offer the company couldn't

refuse."

It is not difficult to see that, contrary to Patrick Boyle's comment, the *E. coli* raid made perfect sense.

# Commercial Advantage from Animal Diseases

In December 1997, Associated Press reported that a 60-year-old woman in Hong Kong had died of suspected bird 'flu. This report was swiftly followed by world media attention on the Hong Kong chicken flu 'outbreak'.

The US government immediately

announced it would call an immediate halt to all chicken imports from China, in a move to curb the spread of the 'virus'. Days later, pressured by the media and foreign governments, the Hong Kong authorities slaughtered 1.2 million Asian chickens to prevent the alleged 'flu from spreading to other countries and species. Said a jubilant US Secretary of Heath and Human Services, Donna Shalala, at the time:<sup>16</sup>

"Perhaps the best example of the kind of worldwide monitoring and surveillance system we need to have is the excellent system that stopped the avian 'flu outbreak in Hong Kong... Fortunately, the slaughter of over one million chickens seems to have halted the virus—at least for now."

US author Dr Leonard Horowitz is a long-time researcher into international industrial espionage. In a March 20, 2001 press release, he states:

"Few knew that, prior to these events, Tyson was vying to bring the Asian poultry industry into its global, monopolistic fold. The emergency primarily targeted Tyson's Asian competition, mostly small chicken farmers. What was most likely a CIA-directed 'outbreak' conveniently required the annihilation of Tyson's competitors. That would have been a very effective, albeit immoral, industrial espionage operation."<sup>17</sup>

And separately, on March 15, 2001, USA Today reported that Tyson Foods stood to gain most from the recent foot-and-mouth disease 'crisis' in the UK. The international slaughter of cattle, the article said, was sure to reduce IBP profits, making Tyson's buyout

"In other words, Clinton gave Yeltsin a blank check to kill as many Chechens as he wanted, provided the Russians bought Don Tyson's dirty chickens." offer even more appealing. Since then, the downturn in beef prices has conveniently allowed Tyson Foods to buy IBP Corporation at the devalued price of \$US3.2 billion, or \$30 per share of stock valued at only \$24.11.

Dr Horowitz's press release ends as follows:<sup>18</sup> "Dr Horowitz, in support of the British Farmers for Action, is calling for an immediate halt to the slaughter of uninfected herds, and an investigation by the British government into the possibility that the entire foot-and-mouth disease outbreak was premeditated."

## MONSANTO'S DEADLY "TERMINATOR" PLANS

We continue our theme of corporate marauders with reference to Monsanto, the US-based biotech multinational.

Monsanto is also renowned for its "Terminator" seed development. Terminator seeds allow for one crop growth only; no viable seeds are produced from that crop. This brings an end to ongoing, independent food production. The grower has to return to Monsanto to buy more seed, so, in effect, he is being controlled. He has been swallowed up.

In "Terminator Unleashed: Patenting Life – Patenting Death", Mary Jo Olsen states:<sup>19</sup>

"The only thing that can keep pace with the rate of agricultural

biotechnological change these days is the speed with which the transnational Life Industry is eating itself. In the last couple of years, Monsanto has spent more than US\$6.7 billion buying seed and other agri-biotech companies... We have at best two years, and at worst six months, to safeguard the right of farmers as seed-savers and breeders... Whose interests are being served? The 12,000-year-old right of farmers to save and improve seed could be coming to an end—now."

Monsanto will then not only be able to control who receives seed, but also

who receives the means to grow it. And Monsanto's close links to the major institutes espousing population control philosophies, such as the World Health Organization, World Bank and IMF, force us to ask what unsavoury plans might be birthed as a result of these conglomerates' being in control of both food and water.

#### THE CORPORATE PR SPIN ON GE FOOD

While on an individual basis these chemical and pharmaceutical giants compete over specific products, they are cooperating very closely in other ways.

Novartis, for example, is one of the 39 multinational biotech corporations (made up of about 600 companies like DeKalb, DuPont, Monsanto and Zeneca) and 14 national research organisations that have joined together as EuropaBio, an umbrella group formed to represent the industries' genetically modified interests in Europe. According to EuropaBio's website, its mission is: "To establish an encouraging climate for biotechnology [formerly known as genetic engineering] in Europe, and thereby promote the creation of wealth and skilled employment."<sup>20</sup>

Because of overall marked resistance from consumers to genetically modified and engineered products, EuropaBio hired public relations firm Burson-Marsteller, the PR arm of the well-known advertising firm Young & Rubicam, to smooth the way for the future acceptance of genetically engineered foods. As an indication of its ability to 'get the job done', Young & Rubicam's partial client-list speaks for itself: AT&T, Colgate-Palmolive, DuPont,

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Sears, Ford, Philip Morris and the United States Army. But in the PR game, 'perception management' is the key corporate mission phrase down at Burson-Marsteller. Its website states boldly:<sup>21</sup>

"Perceptions are real. They colour what we see...what we believe...how we behave. They can be managed...to motivate behaviour...to create positive business results."

The agency ensures that the perceptions surrounding a client are consistent with the client's desired business objectives.

Monsanto states in a 1998 report:22

"There are clearly large forces at work that are making public acceptance of genetically engineered foods problematic."

## POPULATION CONTROL TACTICS

The following example of calculated, Western-led psychological warfare is excerpted from our book, *World Without AIDS*. The level of detail which goes into planning a subtle change of direction in the minds of a given populace is extraordinary. 'Hidden persuasion' tactics are frequently used by the World Health Organization, World Bank, IMF and related organisations to coerce nations into adopting Western ideals not necessarily suited to the indigenous culture. In this instance, the Western ideal being introduced is population control—in other words, the

> target nation is being coerced into limiting the size of its families. The terms 'audience identification' and 'message design' are of particular interest to this study.<sup>23</sup>

#### **Coercion Strategies in Ghana**

In November 1990, the World Bank launched a US\$27 million population control project for Ghana, with the goal of cutting the size of the next generation of Ghanaians in half from approximately 45 million to only 25 million by the year 2020.

Aware of the fact that Ghanaians do

not wish the size of their country to be manipulated by outsiders, the World Bank commissioned Opia Mensah Kumah, senior program officer for the US government's population communication campaign in Africa, to produce a 'procedural' report. The report stated that deeply held traditional beliefs and values would hinder population control efforts, making persuasion more difficult. Indeed, in many parts of the continent, cultural prohibitions exist against even counting one's children as they are believed to be a blessing, not a curse.

Based on Kumah's research, both the World Bank and USAID implemented programs designed to overcome resistance to population reduction and bring about drastic changes in public attitudes and personal conduct. Involving coercion and deception, their tactics conform exactly to the strategies outlined by Colonel Michael Dewar in his book, *The Art of Deception in Warfare*, a study on psychological warfare and covert actions. Dewar is a former army intelligence officer who now runs his own public relations agency in London. He outlines six basic principles:

1. The operation must be well planned and centrally coordinated, so as to be consistent and sustained.

2. Preparation is essential.

3. Those conducting the campaign must be thoroughly familiar with their audience and be able to gauge its probable reaction to the campaign.

4. False information must be made to appear absolutely logical, seeming neither out of harmony with current events nor in any

way suspicious. The greater variety of sources that can be used to plant false information, the more believable it becomes.

5. Timing is critical; people generally notice marked events, but are very poor at perceiving gradual change.

6. The operation and its purpose must be concealed from the enemy.<sup>24</sup>

With almost military precision, the WHO population control strategy for Ghana incorporates each of these six principles.<sup>25</sup>

The activities of the World Bank, USAID and other donors are carefully coordinated, and strict monitoring procedures are in place to enforce the terms of the agreement at every stage.

Extensive background research was carried out in Ghana. Surveys were conducted to determine how best to sell the idea of family planning, gradually exposing the populace to subtle messages, allowing new contraceptive ideology to take root slowly, without arousing suspicion.

In all such campaigns, messages are initially discreet and they shy away from the controversial. They are kept at a muted, persuasive level, the idea being that repeated exposure to the message will effect 'gradual change' in the people's minds as to the 'benefits' of birth control.

WHO and relevant associates held approximately 80 special conferences and presentations during the first three years of operations in Ghana. These included presentations to traditional chiefs, private meetings with top government officials, dozens of seminars for

journalists and government ministers, special briefings for private sector leaders and a variety of special events.

More than 100 pre-packaged radio broadcasts, numerous television productions and hundreds of propaganda packs were carefully prepared and distributed. Foreign policy had now been successfully incorporated into indigenous broadcasting systems.

As such, the Ghanaian campaign had progressed from a position of initial resistance to one of influencing attitudes, opinions and beliefs favourable towards WHO ideas on birth control, those ideas now being promoted within and by the targeted populace.

The existence of this Western-orchestrated, Western-led Ghanaian population control program remains largely unknown to the public.

#### WHO's Tetanus/Sterility Vaccination Campaign

James Miller, a correspondent for Human Life International (an organisation dedicated to exposing human rights abuses), brings us the following report on an equally inhumane, equally covert attempt at human population control, this time carried out in Tanzania, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Mexico and the Philippines. Quite shockingly, this particular campaign was creatively disguised as a 'deeply caring' World Health Organization tetanus vaccination campaign.

During the early 1990s, the World Health Organization conducted an extensive vaccination campaign against tetanus in a number of countries.

In October 1994, Human Life International became suspicious of the campaign protocols. It obtained several phials of the vaccine and had them analysed by chemists.

Some of the phials were found to contain human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG), a naturally occurring hormone essential for maintaining a pregnancy.

When introduced into the body, coupled with a tetanus toxoid carrier, antibodies are formed not only against tetanus but also against hCG. In this case, the body fails to recognise hCG as a friend and will produce anti-hCG antibodies. The antibodies will attack subsequent pregnancies by killing the hCG which naturally sustains a pregnancy. When a woman has sufficient anti-hCG antibodies in her system, she is rendered incapable of maintaining a pregnancy.

HLI reported the sketchy facts regarding the Mexican tetanus vaccines to its affiliates in more than 60 countries. Soon, additional reports of vaccines laced with hCG hormone were received from the Philippines, where more than 3.4 million women were recently vaccinated. Similar reports came from Nicaragua, which had conducted its own vaccination campaign in 1993:<sup>26</sup>

"The known facts concerning the WHO tetanus vaccination campaigns in Tanzania, Nigeria, Mexico and the Philippines...

*Only women were vaccinated, and only women between the ages of 15 and 45.* 

Why? Aren't men at least as likely as young women to come into contact with tetanus? And what of the children? Why were they excluded?

"Human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG) hormone was found in the vaccines. WHO has been actively involved for more than 20 years in the development of an anti-fertility vaccine utilizing hCG tied to tetanus toxoid as a carrier—the exact same coupling as has been found in these vaccines."

The population control agenda includes some very big boys indeed. Allied with the WHO in the

development of this particular anti-fertility vaccine have been UNFPA, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Bank, the Population Council and the Rockefeller Foundation. The US National Institute of Child Health and Human Development was the supplier of the hCG hormone in some of the vaccine experiments.<sup>27</sup>

These incidents are by no means isolated. In the same way that Ghana, Tanzania, Nigeria and various South American countries are being influenced, subliminally or otherwise, into accepting various population control measures by big multinational corporations and governments, we can be sure that if we in the West have particular resistances to whatever Big Pharma has decided is good for us, then those resistances will be worked on and overcome— by all means necessary. Be aware that our resistance to genetically modified/engineered products has been identified and is being targeted for change.<sup>28</sup>

#### Monsanto and the Indian Mustard Oil Conspiracy

Returning to Monsanto, it seems that covert population control measures are being woven into the Monsanto import/export seed market. Judge for yourself in this next item, dubbed by *The Ecologist Report* of June 2001 as "The Great Mustard Oil Conspiracy". It was reported by Dr Vandana Shiva, Director of the Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology in New Delhi.<sup>29</sup>

Dr Shiva says that on 27 August 1998 the Indian government, in the name of "public health protection", banned the sale of mustard oil. In many states, mustard oil is an essential constituent of the diet. It is also used widely as a multifunctional medicinal oil and as a life-saving mosquito repellent. So why exactly did the Indian government ban this invaluable, natural substance?

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The Indian government's pretext for banning mustard oil was that it's "unhygienic and therefore unsafe". And the populace had to be protected from this 'dangerous menace'. Dr Shiva says:<sup>30</sup>

"It is nice to know that our government is so concerned about the health of the people who elected it to power. But why has it shown so little interest in this issue before? It has never taken any action to limit the use of the carcinogenic pesticides... It has never taken any action to prevent the radioactive pollution... Why, then, this sudden concern with public health?"

The first hint that there was more to this story was in July 1998, when the Indian government announced plans to import as much as one million tons of soyabean as oilseed. Then, on 27 August

1998, the same day that the government announced a ban on sales of mustard oil, it announced that all import restrictions were to be lifted on soyabeansnow predominantly a GM multinational corporation product. Indian opposition party concerns were raised over the fact that mustard oil was perfectly satisfactory, that imported soyabean was not necessary and that imported soyabean seed might well include genetically modified varieties, leading to widespread cross-contamination. Resistance to the soyabean import ruling was steadfast. The arguments put

forward by the Indian government so far were not convincing enough. Says Dr Shiva:<sup>31</sup>

"In the face of this opposition, the government needed to find a more convincing justification for their action."

And almost immediately, in Delhi and elsewhere, there was a horrible 'outbreak', which was reported as a 'dropsy' epidemic, in which 41 people died and some 2,300 people were affected by symptoms including nausea, vomiting, kidney damage, fluid on the lungs and heart failure. The mysterious outbreak was soon traced to a very large batch of mustard oil that had somehow been adulterated with diesel oil, waste industrial oil and argemone—a poisonous black seed that grows alongside the mustard plant.

Argemone has previously been found as a contaminant in mustard oil, but never in more than 0.1 per cent of the mustard oil on the market. In this case, Shiva says, 10–30 per cent of the oil had been adulterated. India's health minister at the time admitted that this could only have been the result of some sort of conspiracy, so extensive was the contamination.

Meanwhile, back in America, at the same time as all of this was taking place, the Monsanto Corporation was in the embarrassing position of sitting on almost 18 million acres of an increasingly unsaleable "Round-up Ready" soyabean crop. Bad publicity surrounding Monsanto's latest Round-up formula meant their 18 million acres' worth were not exactly flying out of the door. How and where on Earth were they going to get rid of it? Could the answer lie in dumping it upon a Third World nation, where the public was yet to be more fully alerted to the possible dangers of GM crops? And if this were a viable option, then how would Monsanto go about achieving its objective?

Vandana Shiva believes there is a strong possibility that the sabotage of the mustard oil and Monsanto's own particular business predicament are all very much interconnected:<sup>32</sup>

"By encouraging the Indian government to ban the sale of mustard oil throughout the country, the food multinationals were provided with a perfect market opening for their products—which would enable them to dominate, and on a permanent basis, the market in that country for vegetable oil. And, if traders cannot sell mustard oil, they will not buy mustard from farmers and farmers will stop growing it... This will lead to the extinction of a crop that is central to India's farming system and we would remain dependent on soyabean for our edible oil...

"There is a precedent for this phenomenon. In Indonesia, the recent food riots were largely caused by massive imports of soyabean oil, on which the Indonesian people had become cripplingly dependent. When the Indonesian currency collapsed, the retail price of soya escalated, making the cooking oil far too expensive for the bulk of people to afford. India would be put in a similarly vulnerable position if we were to become dependent on imported

soya for cooking oil."

# Monsanto's Soyabean Recipe for Infertility

Vandana Shiva's *Ecologist* report then goes on to discuss the chemical properties of the soyabean:<sup>33</sup>

"Soyabeans contain phytic acid which can reduce the bioavailability of essential minerals such as calcium, magnesium, zinc, copper and iron. They also contain phytoestrogens which are above the levels required, and are established carcinogens. They can have an impact on the foetus

which can lead to the abnormal formation of reproductive organs, to sterility, and to the inhibition of sexual maturation.

"Calculations have shown that an infant fed with soyabeanbased formula is ingesting oestrogen equivalent to that obtained from 8 to 12 contraceptive pills per day..."

Given the underhand, focused manner in which these multinational corporations are attempting to (a) control worldwide food distribution and (b) implement worldwide population control measures, can we really believe it is mere chance that mass tonnage of essential foodstuffs, high in oestrogen levels,<sup>34</sup> is now flooding into the poorer nations of the world?

As if these activities weren't distasteful enough, Monsanto coupled its soyabean drive with a public relations exercise under the banner of "Monsanto's care and concern" for the poor. It launched a global campaign in the major newspapers of the world, imploring the citizenry to trust Monsanto to develop genetically engineered crops to feed the starving millions.

Beginning its US\$1.6 billion advertising campaign two days before World Food Day and using emotive pictures of starving African children, Monsanto's 1998 "Let The Harvest Begin" campaign opened thus:<sup>35</sup>

"We all share the same planet—and the same needs. In agriculture, many of our needs have an ally in biotechnology and the promising advances it offers for our future... Healthier, more abundant yields. Reduced reliance on pesticides and fossil fuels... A cleaner environment... As we stand on the edge of a new millennium, we dream of a tomorrow without hunger..."

However, in February 1999, researchers Daniel Doerge and Daniel Sheehan, two of the Food and Drug Administration's experts on soy, sent a letter of protest to the FDA, pointing to studies that show a link between soy and health problems in certain animals which they projected would also have an adverse effect on humans. Doerge and Sheehan say they tried to stop the FDA approval of soy, but their efforts were in vain. Their full and frank report<sup>36</sup> bears out everything written by Dr Vandana Shiva with regard to soy and infertility.

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A web page drawing attention to the scant evidence on soy safety has a document entitled "Where is the safety testing of GM soya?". The reader can view the scientific papers to date which attempt to establish the safety of Monsanto's soyabean. The complete listing is headed by the following interesting statement:<sup>37</sup>

"Below is the 'evidence' presented by scientists when asked to show studies which 'prove' the safety of GM soya. Two problems are immediately apparent: (1) not one of these studies proves the safety of GM soya; (2) every study is either carried out by Monsanto, by teams containing Monsanto staff, or by an organisation funded by Monsanto. So, the eternal question remains... Where is the independent safety testing which proves the safety of the GM soya currently being sold worldwide today? Answer: there is none."

This, quite unbelievably, is the level of science currently supporting what is potentially going to be one of the largest available food crops across the globe. Who is actually in control here?

This final comment on the Monsanto/mustard oil issue is from India's *Health Tribune*.<sup>38</sup> It serves as a reasonable summary of events.

"Even while greed and the desire to attain riches rapidly at all costs is a universal driving force for the perpetrators of such crimes, it requires much more than greed to execute such diabolical programs. The most outstanding is utter insensitivity towards fellow human beings. It is the height of egocentricity to attempt to gain riches at the expense of other people's lives. Yet, that is precisely what has happened in this instance.

"Although failure of the executive and their political bosses is writ large on the face of every corpse that has fallen to this manmade disaster, as well as the survivors, who may have to suffer for God knows how long, corrective action has been tardy and the attempts at a cover-up blatant. While bureaucrats will predictably try to shift responsibility, industrialists are apparently pleading ignorance. Industry is clearly guilty of failure to maintain even elementary quality control and must be held accountable for such horrendous disregard for human life in this country. There cannot be any mitigating circumstances for such heinous crimes; the dead are crying for justice."

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